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14 March 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR:

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FROM:

[REDACTED]

Chief, Counterintelligence Staff

SUBJECT:

Questions from Admiral Turner

The following is in response to your memorandum of 5 March 1977 containing questions from Admiral Turner:

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2. The Attorney General's procedures relating to electronic surveillance state that requests for electronic surveillance directed against U.S. persons abroad "shall be made by the DCI, or Deputy DCI if the DCI delegates this authority to him." Subsequent to the effective date of these procedures, on 22 July 1976, the DCI made a general delegation of authority to the DDCI. That delegation did not make mention of the Attorney General's procedures on requests for electronic surveillance; but it did give to the DDCI all those authorities of the DCI as head of CIA. Since it is the General Counsel's opinion that the DCI's authority to make requests for electronic surveillance of U.S. persons abroad is exercised in his role as head of CIA, the delegation of 22 July 1976 is broad enough to give this

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authority to the DDCI. However, there have as of yet been no requests to the Attorney General for approval of such electronic surveillance by either the DDCI or the DCI.



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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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5 MAR 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Chief, CI Staff/DDO

FROM :

Admiral Turner had the following questions:

1. What is a "selection term"?
2. Has the DCI delegated to the DDCI authority to make requests of the Attorney General for approval of electronic surveillance (audio) directed against U.S. persons abroad?

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